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How a solar-powered innovation by a class XI student may help green cover around Bengaluru's waterbodies and farmers this summer

THE SOLAR CYCLE

Margondanahalli Lake to have Rachana's innovation

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A standard XI student is on a mission to provide eco-friendly watering systems to flora around the lakes in Bengaluru.

Rachana Bodagu has created an innovative cycle fitted with solar panels that helps to pump water from the lake using solar energy to plants in the vicinity of the waterbody.

The Margondanahalli Lake near Newton in Electronics City is visited by many migratory birds from within India and abroad. The lake has abundant flora in and around its buffer zone.

Bodagu, from Indus International School, set up the prototype of the solar panel cycle which will pump out water from Margondanahalli Lake and provide water to the green cover around the waterbody.

Bodagu had recently helped rejuvenate the 12-acre Kommasandra Lake, after which she wanted to work on developing an eco-friendly innovation for the plants and saplings near the lake.

She got in touch with lake

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"We could see the cycle was working well as long as the sun was up. The whole solar cycle was active and it was pumping out water. — Rachana Bodagu, class XI student

Inheritance of covid losses

'41% of workforce had no employment during covid lockdowns in Bengaluru'

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Covid-19 lockdowns resulted in many people losing jobs in Bengaluru. According to a latest survey, job and income losses persisted well past the 2020 lockdown. Around 41% of the workforce had no jobs, and another 21% had reduced earnings even in January-February 2021. Daily wagers, domestic workers and retail sector employees were the worst affected.

Azim Premji University, in collaboration with nine civil society organisations (CSOs), conducted a survey of 3,000 households in 92 low-income settlements across 33 wards of Bengaluru.

The survey was done to estimate the continuing impact of covid-induced lockdowns and economic disruptions of employment and livelihoods. The report said though lockdowns were temporary, unemployment was a long-term fallout. A significant minority — 10% men, 15% women — were out of work even as late as October 2021, which was essentially one-and-a-half years into the pandemic.

"Losses in earnings were also long-term. Monthly earnings, which were low even before the pandemic — Rs 9,400 per month — fell even lower for many months to Rs 8,450 as of January-February 2021. By October 2021, earnings had recovered in nominal terms but adjusted for inflation, they continued to be below pre-covid levels. This means surveyed households have endured almost 19 months of job losses

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3 THINGS TO DO

01 Tune in to this

Attend a beautiful musical evening at Lahe Lahe to grab a mid-week treat. The session will have musical aficionados come and jam together and form a community of like-minded musical souls. **Where: Lahe Lahe, HAL 2nd Stage, Indiranagar; Tickets: 9886294444 When: Wednesdays, 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm**

02 Get ready to tango

You too can groove like Cuban Salsa stars. Begin your journey to become a pro at Salsa with the help of Minoti Ramachandra and Khushboo from the Motley Dance Company. Minoti is a Santo Rico certified Teacher and has been on several dance competitions on reality television shows. Khusboo too is a brilliant dancer, choreographer, and lovable instructor who has been dancing and teaching for the last few years and is still going strong.
Where: Lahe Lahe, Indiranagar
When: Sundays, 3 to 5 pm
Cost: Rs 800 per session
Register: bookmyshow.com

03 Class in dancing

C Attak Kalari, a dance academy, that specialises in Kathak, Bharatanatyam and many other dance forms, is organising online classes to teach contemporary dance. Don't worry if you've never grooved to music before; this class is for beginners.
Where: Online; Register: bookmyshow.com
Cost: Rs 200 onwards

One elephant task done, one more to go

BDA completes survey of elephant corridors in Bengaluru; next big challenge is clearing corridor encroachments to secure animal safety

Many Bengalureans may be unaware that an elephant corridor passes through the periphery of the city. But it exists and must be secured to protect wild animals.

The Bengaluru District Administration (BDA) has completed the survey of elephant corridors in the city. It is seen, the big challenge now lies in clearing the corridor for safe movement of animals. The district administration of Bengaluru conducted a survey of the surrounding areas of Bannerghatta National Park to clear the encroachments there and to develop an elephant corridor.

Bengaluru Urban deputy commissioner J Manjunath told BM, "We have conducted the survey in Shivanahalli village, survey number 69, for 1,000 acres around Bannerghatta National Park.

The survey map is submitted to the deputy conservator of forest concerned. Now, it is for the forest department to decide on the best possible ways to protect the elephants."

Further, he said that Shivanahalli is a revenue village that can't be evicted as people have been staying there for many years. "Now the forest department must decide on the next course of action."

"We can't evict them from their place. But we are in the process of freeing the encroachments. Agricultural encroachments can be removed immediately. We have identified an eco-sensitive zone within a 1-km-long radius of the elephant corridor," he said.

A survey for 1,000 acres around Bannerghatta National Park has been completed in Shivanahalli village

Further, he said some activities are restricted in the area and they have controlled noise pollution there.

"We are thinking of not allowing vehicle movements at night like in Bandipur and Nagarahole. Prior to that, we have to identify alternative roads for commuters. If we can't restrict vehicle movement at night, we are planning to make the roads safer for animals by putting signboards, speed breakers. We are making the Government lands to be used for colleges, hostels, waste processing units, and other utilities," he said.

Earlier Namma Bengaluru Foundation and Project Vruksha Foundation met the deputy commissioner and requested the completion of the survey of 1,000 acres of the elephant corridor and freeing of the 232 acres of land to the forest department.

Urban conservationist and Project Vruksha president Vijay Nishanth told BM, "We have been striving hard to save Bannerghatta for a long time. We need to understand that Bannerghatta is one of the nearest jungles to the city and needs to be protected. The corridor is very important for the safe movement of animals. We have been discussing with the deputy commissioner to take this up on a priority basis. The corridor will be beneficial and the earlier it is executed, the better."

Activists said there is a need to protect the corridor without damaging the environment. "It is very essential in creating the Ragihalli elephant corridor to protect the elephants. There is a need to develop the surrounding areas of the elephant corridor as a support for elephants and other animals."

Namma Bengaluru Foundation general manager Vinod Jacob said, "The Bannerghatta National Park and the adjoining elephant corridor is a very crucial ecological and bio diversified space for Bengaluru. We had handed a petition to deputy commissioner Manjunath and requested him to fast-track the survey which they have completed. The land adjoining the national park and the elephant corridor must be cleared to ensure the wildlife is protected and there is no human-animal conflict in the area.

We hope both the forest and revenue departments will come together and find an amicable solution." **– Prakash VL**

B'luru-based initiative combats Odisha's burning issues

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Bengaluru-based Beyond Carlton has signed an MoU with the Odisha State Disaster Management Authority (OSDMA), for the preparation of a comprehensive fire safety framework and plan for twin cities Bhubaneswar and Cuttack.

Beyond Carlton is the country's first citizen-led initiative working on fire safety. It was started by Uday Vijayan a month after the Carlton Towers fire accident on February 23 in 2010 after he lost his young son.

The twin cities have witnessed several fire incidents in the recent past, resulting in injuries and deaths. Notable events include a major fire at a petrol pump near Raj Bhavan, with over nine injured, a narrow escape for 127 patients in an incident at Cuttack Sadguru Covid Hospital in 2020 and a fire at SUM Hospital leaving 21 dead and over 100 Injured in 2016.

It is said, over 10,000 people are killed in fire accidents every year in India. In times of growing urbanisation, the importance of fire safety in urban space should be a key focus for every state's disaster management department.

Vijayan said, "With over 10,000 dying every year due to fires in India, we believe fire safety is a burning issue. Even though solutions to fire safety are well known and available, there was a need to chart out a pathway for implementing solutions. Over the years, we noticed people are becoming aware about fire safety norms and rules, however, more needs to be done at various levels with the many stakeholders."

With the Odisha government the idea is to have a home fire preparedness plan, identification of unsafe buildings due to lack of fire safety compliances, create a web-based fire reporting mechanism, empanel fire safety contractors, digitise fire safety NOCs and formulate a public-private partnership approach to have improved coordination mechanism for fire and life safety.

Further, development of a fire safety plan for the twin cities, developing a strategic vision on it and guiding institutional aspects of strengthening fire and emergency services are Beyond Carlton's goals for Odisha.

'Unfair' proceedings

Blast victims' kin unhappy with officials' station bail on same day of arrest

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Two engineers, who were booked for criminal negligence and were held by the Janabharathi cops on Tuesday, were let off on a station bail on the same day.

The decision to grant station bail to the engineers, who were accused of criminal negligence after a transformer blast killed two people, has irked the relatives of the victims.

The victims – a 55-year-old security guard riding a scooter died on the spot and his 19-year-old daughter, who was riding pillion, died later at the hospital. Both of them had suffered grievous burn injuries after a fireball of oil spill fell on the duo due to the transformer blast. "Nobody will be held accountable or culpable for the crime even after two lives are snuffed away due to the negligence of the Bescom officials, who had failed to maintain the transformer that blasted," said a relative and resident of Manganahalli.

Senior police officials pointed out that the accused were booked under Section 304-A, under which the discretion of the Investigating Officer is to let go of any accused on bail.

Another resident of Manganahalli Cross told police that people residing near the transformer had complained to the officials stating that the transformer was letting out fire sparks and that oil was leaking. Even on the day of the blast, at least five calls were made to the Bescom helpline 1912, residents told the cops. The Bescom staff were sleeping on it, they added.

Investigating officer and police inspector Lakshman Naik had conducted detailed inquiries with the helpline's call centre staff and were told that they had forwarded the same message and alerted the West Control Bescom division. "We again contacted them for a follow-up, but they (Bescom officials) are yet to furnish those details," Naik told Bangalore Mirror.

A few residents tried to contact the Bescom AEE, but he wasn't reachable. "The AEE was working on an inquiry in another case and was out-of-station when the accident happened," Naik added.

The accused are incharge officer and Assistant Engineer Dinesh and his subordinate, a Junior Engineer Mahantesh. "We have sought for the call details of the residents who had escalated the matter on the helpline. More heads will roll if they are found involved with negligence during the investigation," the investigating officer said.

Bescom, on Monday, had directed its officials to conduct an audit of transformers located near schools, commercial outlets, footpaths and other strategic areas to assess their condition. Power Minister V Sunil Kumar also announced that special attention will be taken to check transformers that are over 15 years old.

Sources from Bescom told this newspaper that the blast of the transformer was due to overload. Usually power shedding is done to prevent overload, but during summer time, the usage of power increases and thus causes overloads at transformers.

According to Bescom officials, the transformer blast was due to power overload

Not the first time

In April 2014, a transformer installed on the footpath near a BMTC bus depot blasted and the spilling oil fell on four people, killing one. The victims were travelling on their bikes. Narayan Naik (38) died at the hospital two weeks after the blast, which injured three others including Hemanth, Sridhar and Prakash. Bescom staff at that time, in their statement, had told the police that the transformer was repaired by the maintenance staff on April 3, and the blast happened on April 12.

BBMP budget: Citizens want more public toilets

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The MyCityMyBudget (MCMB) campaign, jointly launched by the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) and Janaagraha Centre for Citizenship and Democracy, has concluded with an overwhelming response from citizens, residents' associations and NGOs, among other stakeholders.

Their inputs will be analysed and addressed at the BBMP budget for the financial year 2022–23, which is expected to be presented on Wednesday.

The campaign, launched on February 23, attracted 7,238 inputs across 198 wards. An analysis shows that the majority demand of Bengalureans is for additional public toilets. Out of the total comments received, 46 per cent prioritised public toilets, 30 per cent wanted improvement in footpaths and 24 per cent rooted for more parks and playgrounds.

The top three wards with maximum participation included are Shanthala Nagar, Ramamurthy Nagar and Sanjay Nagar. The top three zones that received budget inputs are Bengaluru East, South and Bommanahalli.

Last year, the campaign focused on footpaths, public toilets and yellow spots and active citizens' participation prompted BBMP to allot Rs 60 lakh to each ward committee. "Budget allocations to ward committees is a brand-new chapter in participatory budgeting and we are pleased to see the deep and meaningful engagement of citizens to make their wards better.

Local issues are best resolved locally with empowered ward committees, and we are hopeful that BBMP will continue to devolve funds to wards and focus on fixing issues brought forth," said Srinivas Alavilli, head, civic participation at Janaagraha. This year, the MCMB campaign was launched on February 23 and concluded on March 20. The citizen inputs from all the 198 wards were collated and analysed by Janaagraha.

Thulasi Maddineni, special commissioner, finance, BBMP, appreciated the overwhelming public engagement. "Since last year, many citizens and ward committee volunteers have been in touch with me on the ward budget allocation and utilisation that we allocated. This is a good sign and citizens should be encouraged to participate in the city's and ward's development," she said.

The report will be provided to BBMP for incorporation in the budget. It will also be shared with the ward engineers as they begin implementing ward-level budgets.

Flipkart CEO buys luxury villa in East Bengaluru

Flipkart chief executive Kalyan Krishnamurthy has bought a luxury villa in East Bengaluru for more than Rs 8 crore. The villa at Adarsh Palm Retreat in Varthur Hobli has a built-up area of 4,921 square feet and is constructed on a plot measuring 6,918 square feet, according to a document shared by Propstack. Adarsh Palm Retreat is a gated community of 800 red-roofed Victorian villas, spread over 110 acres.

Krishnamurthy has been the group CEO of the Flipkart Group since 2018, did not reply to an email sent by ET. India's growing list of self-made ultra-rich individuals amid a boom in the startup sector is driving demand for luxury homes. "UHNIs are actively looking to buy a new home in 2022 due to an increase in their wealth. We are seeing an increase in enquiries and are witnessing increased transactions for good luxury properties," said Bhavesh Kothari, founder of Property First, a luxury property consulting firm.

– Economic Times

Moveworks opens first India office

US-based AI company Moveworks on Tuesday announced the opening of its first office outside the USA. The new office, located in Bengaluru, will serve as its second headquarters, where team members will perform groundbreaking research and development, establish strategic partnerships and rise into senior leadership roles.

"Moveworks is a rare opportunity for engineers: we are applying the bleeding edge of machine learning to help millions of people stay productive," Mihir Gore, Moveworks' Director of Engineering and India Site Leader, said in a statement. The company plans to double the size of its team in the next six months, with a focus on roles in research and development (R&D) as well as general and administration. **– Agencies**

It's time for covid caller tunes to go

Amid the steady decline in covid-19 cases, the Health Ministry has decided to stop the caller tune on coronavirus awareness and precautions, said sources. The caller tune was started two years ago when the pandemic hit the country. Operators including Bharti Airtel, BSNL, Reliance Jio and Vodafone-Idea replaced their caller tunes in March 2020 on the directions of the government. Initially, the caller tune on covid-19 used to start with the sound of people coughing, sneezing and then an advisory on the precautions to be taken to protect against coronavirus. Later, the voice alert was modified and the new message urged people to get vaccinated. **– Agencies**

Drive for clean streets

As part of clean street challenge, residents, volunteers of The Ugly Indian, BBMP are cleaning, beautifying three-km stretch, footpath in Koramangala

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The ongoing clean-up drive at Inner Ring Road in Koramangala

For the past two days, BBMP, The Ugly Indian volunteers and residents have been on a mission to reclaim and revamp a 3-km stretch on the Inner Ring Road in Koramangala as a part of the Clean Street Challenge. The road and the footpath along it have been covered with garbage and mud as folks have been dumping waste here.

The paused Ejipura Flyover project is adding to the troubles of residents; the area near the flyover, not too far from this stretch is also turning into a black spot.

The filth on the stretch will take a while to go.

The BBMP and The Ugly Indian-run clean-up drive with close to 25 volunteers, eight BBMP officials and 20 marshals is likely to continue for a few more days. So far, they've removed the mud and the waste from the pavement and painted the wall next to it.

Activists BM spoke with said army land being adjacent to the stretch is also a reason why people find it easy to dump waste there.

"There is confusion about where BBMP's land ends and the army's begins. Due to this, this area has turned into an abandoned spot. It has no regular cleaning system, except occasional cleaning in three to six months. There is no one to question litterbugs here. This situation is common near inter-agency lands," said a member of The Ugly Indian.

Chief Marshal, Colonel Rajbir Singh said, "This stretch is very significant. Many corporate office workers pass through the area. Due to the ongoing white-topping work, there is also no waste-disposal system in place. Due to a lack of streetlights, even commercial waste is being dumped here at night. Speeding vehicles pass by and dump waste here. Due to this pitiful state, we decided to conduct a clean-up drive. I have also apprised the special commissioner in this regard and have taken permission to employ JCBs to clear the stretch."

He too pointed at the paused work on the Ejipura Flyover as a cause of concern regarding littering and black spots in the area.

"Another problem is the barricaded area of the stalled Ejipura Flyover work has also turned into a dumping point. The road divider area is littered with garbage," he said.

Among volunteers was running enthusiast Ruchir from KR Puram who uses this stretch to run.

"Due to the extremely bad smell, you cannot even breathe properly. The purpose is to contribute by improving the neighbourhood for cleaner roads for running," said Ruchir.

> **"The barricaded area for the stalled Ejipura Flyover work has turned into a dumping point. The road divider area is littered with garbage**
> – Chief Marshal, Colonel Rajbir Singh

Another running enthusiast was also present for the drive. He said the rapid expansion of the city could be a reason behind the bad quality of the city's infrastructure. Perhaps, the Palike is unable to keep up within its new limits.

"I came to the city 17 years ago. I am very passionate about running. We (running enthusiasts in Bengaluru) must take responsibility for the roads we run on. Whenever there is an opportunity, I try to participate in such clean-up drives. Due to the pandemic, we haven't been able to run in marathons much, but I think things are resuming now. The problem is Bengaluru's infrastructure is depreciating as the city is expanding." said Pankaj Rai, a resident of Koramangala.

Like these citizens Rekha M Menon, a resident of Koramangala and the India chairperson at Accenture, too stressed on the public's responsibility to help make significant change.

"As citizens, we have to engage in multiple ways to make it the city we are proud of."

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Choking hazard

Hosur Road

The enclosure of a plant near the NIMHANS gate is choked with plastic. BBMP must take care of it.

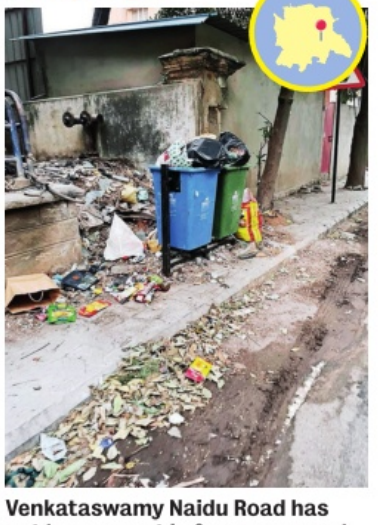
Stand in the way

Shanti Nagar

A stand of death notices is in the way of motorists at this spot allocated for two-wheeler parking by BBMP and the traffic police, a reader wrote to BM.

Wasting away

Shivajinagar



Venkataswamy Naidu Road has not been swept in four years and the garbage is not being collected regularly at the spot.

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Centre seeks clarification about graft charges from Eshwarappa

Union rural development and panchayati raj (RDPR) minister Giriraj Singh has sought clarification from minister KS Eshwarappa regarding an allegation of demand for commission to allocate grants for projects in Belagavi district. Eshwarappa, who has triggered controversy with his statement on minorities recently, on Tuesday, said Singh has written to RDPR additional chief secretary LK Ateeq in this regard asking for clarification. In turn Ateeq clarified, neither a sanction order nor administrative approval is given for any such work. The road works said to be undertaken by applicant Santhosh K Patil, have not been implemented through the government. Hence, raising any funds to the said project does not arise, Eshwarappa said.

"I don't know complainant Santhosh K Patil. I think there is a conspiracy behind it. He is writing letters to all major central leaders including home minister Amit Shah. I will tell Congress leaders who are questioning on the issue that the work order has not been issued and there is no question of releasing grants," he said. "I have initiated contempt proceedings against complainant Santhosh K Patil and my advocate will serve notice to him on Wednesday," he said.

Patil had written to Singh alleging Eshwarappa of demanding a cut for the release of Rs 4 crore grants for projects in Belagavi district. Further, he had spoken to the media in an interview.

The RDPR department has not sought a work order and the government has not sanctioned the concerned project on which allegations are made. There is no question of releasing any funds, Eshwarappa said. **– IANS**

Put MEMU on airport route on fast track

Citizens say train services on Yelahanka to Devanahalli route will help reduce congestion on roads

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SWR completed the electrification of Yelahanka-Chikkaballapur track

The members of Citizen for Citizen (C4C), a non-profit organisation, have urged the South Western Railway (SWR) to increase the frequency of trains on the Yelahanka-Devanahalli route. Representatives of the NGO and residents say that with the electrification of the Yelahanka-Devanahalli route, it is now possible to run the mainline Electric multiple Unit (MEMU) trains on this course.

Notably, the SWR recently completed the electrification of the Yelahanka-Chikkaballapur track and the inspection was over last week.

Citizens say that with the airport corridor of the Suburban Rail Project deprioritised, train services to the airport have massive potential and will help reduce congestion on the roads significantly. "This route has massive potential. The Bengaluru International Airport Limited (BIAL) has even built an excellent halt station adjacent to its compound. Moreover, SWR had started train services to this halt station in January 2020, however, services were discontinued on account of covid as well as low patronage. Now that the 'city railway station to airport' corridor under the Suburban Rail Project has been deprioritised, SWR must start running trains on this route and increase the frequency," said a resident.

According to C4C, one of the major reasons for low patronage for the train services on this route in 2020 was the lack of punctuality, poor frequency, unsuitable timings and the long travel duration. "We have written to the divisional railway manager of SWR to start at least 10 one-way services to Devanahalli with high punctuality and fast MEMU trains. Trains can provide a safe, economical, quick and comfortable option for commuting. This apart, there will be reliability of train services along with much-required changes to routes, frequency and travel durations. Popularity will automatically follow with reliable and efficient services," said Rajkumar Dugar, founder of C4C.

Some of the suggestions given by C4C include...

- MEMU services to DHL from Mysuru, Tumakuru, Hosur, Bangarpet to cater to all routes around Bengaluru.
- MEMU trains every two hours from the Cantonment Railway Station to Devanahalli, as this route will also cover the Byappanahalli railway and metro station.
- Since Yelahanka to Devanahalli is a single track with three halt stations in between, there is an urgent need to upgrade Doddajala from halt to crossing.

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How many trees on the line?

Over 100 trees on CV Raman Road marked in red, though Palike had said only 14 will face axe. Plus details on these trees are nowhere to be found

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The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has proceeded with identifying and marking trees on CV Raman Road that are expected to face the axe for the white topping work on the stretch. As many as 147 trees between the CNR Rao underpass and Mekhri Circle have already been marked in red.

This has left many fuming. Sources told BM that generally trees are marked in red to indicate that they will make way for an upcoming project.

"BBMP has started counting trees from CNR Rao Circle and the Mekhri Circle. As many as 50 trees on one side of the stretch have been marked. Trees on the other side of the road too have been marked. They have put numbers in red colour. I am baffled as the notice inviting objections was put up in newspapers only days ago. There is a procedure to be followed before one can decide which tree and how many are to be cut," said a senior environmentalist.

BBMP had put out a public notice on Saturday regarding the removal of 14 trees. The Palike had invited citizens to file objections and comments within 10 days of publication of the notification.

Experts say that all the 147 trees marked are majestic and are heritage trees. Those who are willing to file objections in response to the notice are irked by the way Palike has handled the process so far. Netizens complained that the documents uploaded on BBMP's website have no details of the trees to be cut.

BangaloreMirror
Sounds like treeson
Palike wants to chop 14 trees, lay white-topping on Tumakuru Road, widen it to solve traffic issues; experts say it doesn't make any sense at all to them
Bus priority lanes will not cease to exist, yet

BM's report on March 27 about trees facing the axe

Several trees on CV Raman road have been marked in red colour, raising questions over how many are to be axed

"I have decided to file objections against the proposal. I logged in to the website to understand the location of the 14 trees to be felled. But, there was no information available. Unless we know the trees are going to be removed, how can we file objections?"said a student at the Indian Institute of Science (IISc). Citizens say the time to send the comments and objections is running out. "The notice was published by BBMP on Saturday and the documents were uploaded on Monday. But, there is no information on the 14 trees in question. The document details all 147 trees on the proposed project area," said Susan P, a resident.

Those who are waiting to file objections on the notice are demanding an extension of the 10 days.

"The citizens do not have that much time to first get the process sorted by the officials and then carry out the inspection to file objections. White topping of roads across the city is a bad decision anyhow,"said an IISc professor.

> **"Information on the 14 trees that have to be chopped off will be given only after an inspection**
>
> –A BBMP official

According to the forest department officials, BBMP, the trees have been numbered for enumeration only. "We have just marked all 147 trees that are standing in the proposed 2-km-long project area. Information on the 14 trees that have to be chopped off will be given only after an inspection," said a BBMP official without details on the timeline.

Man who shot to fame via marriage kills self

A 45-year-old man who had become a social media sensation after his marriage to a 20-year-old, died by suicide on Tuesday at his village in Tumakuru. His pregnant wife refused to move from near the body and continued to sob the whole day.

Shankarappa from Akkimaradapalya in Tumakuru had married Meghana after the latter decided to marry him in October 2021. He became a target of trolls on social media.

It is said that family dispute is the main reason for the. Shankarappa's mother Rangamma and his wife are said to have been bickering all the time.

Shankarappa's mother Rangamma filed a complaint against Meghana and accused her for her son's death. She said that her son married without her consent. However, Meghana said that the mother-in-law was pushing her aside due to caste differences. "I know what is the truth. We had a nice time for the first three months," she said. **— Prakash VL**

75 uncleared traffic challans to go

The Yeswanthpur traffic police have caught a man with around 75 uncleared violations. The case came to light when the traffic cops stopped the man for not wearing a helmet. Upon registering the violations, cops found out that he has around 75 uncleared violations. The violation includes a long list including riding without a helmet, pillion rider without a helmet, signal jumping and so on.

According to traffic officials, his name is Litheesh and he is a resident of Yeshwathpur. After being caught for 75 pending violations, he was let off by paying for 40 cases. He paid a hefty sum of Rs 17,000 in fines and pleaded with the officials to grant him some additional time to payup.. **-– BMB**

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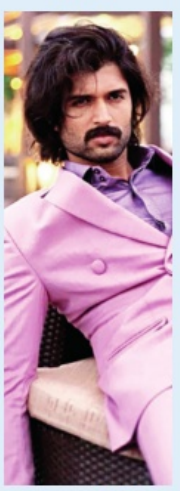

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Fuel price on fire due to 'external disruption'

FM says record hike due to disruption in global supply chains as a result of war

#New Delhi

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Tuesday defended the 137-day hiatus in fuel price revision, saying the disruption in supply chains and the resultant increase in global oil prices due to the war in Ukraine was a "couple of weeks" phenomenon resulting in the record hike in petrol and diesel prices in last 8 days.

International oil prices had started moving up days before Russia invaded Ukraine on February 24. The basket of crude oil that India buys averaged USD 100.71 per barrel that day as compared to USD 82 in early November 2021 when state-owned fuel retailers hit the pause button on daily price revision ahead of assembly elections in five states.

On March 9, international prices touched USD 140 a barrel (USD 128.24 for the Indian basket of crude oil) while the fuel retailers re-started daily price revision on March 22.

Indian Youth Congress members stage a protest over the rising inflation and hike in prices of petrol, diesel and LPG cylinders, in New Delhi on Saturday

In defence mode

Replying to a debate on the Budget for 2022-23 in Rajya Sabha, she said opposition members had stated that the war in Ukraine had been raging for a long time and fuel prices are being raised now.

"Absolutely untrue," she said. "The disruption and a resultant increase in the price of global oil and also disruption to supply are all happening since a couple of weeks ago and we are responding to it."

Petrol and diesel prices have been hiked by Rs 4.80 per litre since March 22 -- a record increase in any eight days since the daily price revision was implemented in June 2017. Sitharaman said the government is taking various steps in response to the rise in global oil prices.

She blamed the issuance of bonds by the UPA government more than a decade back to oil companies to make up for losses they incurred on selling auto and cooking fuel below cost.

"Taxpayers of today are paying for subsidy dished out to consumers more than a decade ago in the name of oil bonds. And they will continue to pay for the next five years as the redemption of bonds continues till 2026," she said putting the redemption value at Rs 2 lakh crore.

To the opposition party's assertion that oil bonds were first issued by the BJP government between 1999 and 2004, she said Atal Bihari Vajpayee's government had issued bonds worth Rs 9,000 crore as compared to Rs 2 lakh crore by the UPA.

Oil bonds

International oil prices during the Vajpayee government were below USD 30 per barrel while they shot up to record levels of USD 147 under the UPA, requiring higher subsidy support in form of oil bonds.

She said the oil bonds issued by the Vajpayee government were "one-time action rather than a continuous policy (as in the UPA)."

"There is a huge difference in the magnitude between Rs 9,000 crore which was one time that had to be repaid on account of Vajpayee government's oil bonds and more than Rs 2 lakh crore which was raised during UPA which is getting paid even now," she said.

"Funding oil at a higher cost has an honest way of doing it and a way in which you book it on somebody else and some other government keeps paying for it. We have not done that," she pointed out.

While the war in Ukraine had posed fresh challenges in the form of higher international oil prices and supply chain disruptions, she went on to state that inflation has been kept under control. – PTI

A Cycle Of Innovation

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activist Anand Malligavad, who gave her the idea of building a solar panel-fitted cycle, which wouldn't require any fossil fuels or generate carbon emissions, and would be a completely environment friendly set up.

A few years ago, Malligavad, through CSR funding, had got a tractor and installed solar panels on it. Fitted with a motor, the machine used energy from the sun to pump water to the miyawaki forest at Hadosiddapura Lake.

The mechanism proved to be of great benefit, as watering the plants became easy and one did not have to individually go and water each plant. Similarly, Malligavad gave the idea to Bodagu to make a similar machine using a cycle, which could be easily movable and can be used by any one.

"After Malligavad gave me the idea, I did some research online. Thereafter, I started sourcing information on manufacturers from whom I could get the solar panels, water pump and even the cycle. I called up multiple people, and the ones who gave me material at best prices and could help me with the design, I went ahead buying from them. I got the solar panel and pump set from one manufacturer and cycle from another," said Bodagu. The whole project cost Bodagu Rs 1 lakh. Bodagu brought the products from her own savings and with the help of Malligavad, built the solar panel-fitted cycle.

Initially, the machine was used on a trial basis at Bodagu's home, by filling a bucket with water and pumping the water out to the garden area of the house.

"We could see the cycle was working well as long as the sun was up. The whole solar cycle was active and it was continuously pumping out water. We used the equipment for one week continuously and saw results," added Bodagu. Malligavad pointed out that the solar cycle built by Bodagu could help many farmers too. "The drip irrigation method was proving quite an expensive option for many. This will be helpful to them as it is cost-effective and easily portable. Besides, we could use it at many lakes as well," he said.

Bodagu said soon she will employ the system in Margondana-halli Lake and simultaneously will do it at the Kommasandra Lake, after which she plans to develop more such cycles using CSR funds and make the innovation available to more people.

Covid-19 led to long-term job loss too

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and reduced earnings. Poverty was already high and rose even further. The percentage of households with earnings less than the Anoop Satpathy Committee-recommended National Minimum Wage, which is Rs 119 per person per day, rose to almost 80% before falling back to pre-covid levels at 67% by October 2021. In addition, food insecurity rose sharply. Around 40% of the households reported eating less than they did before the pandemic, even as late as October 2021," said the report.

Hyma Vadlamani, a core member of the covid response team at Azim Premji Foundation, said the pandemic has shown how invisible the poor in the cities are and how weak the public systems are in reaching the neediest and the most vulnerable.

"Households coped by borrowing and selling assets. Around 11% had to resort to borrowing, mainly from informal sources, to finance daily expenses or to repay old loans.

An additional 15% of households had sold or pawned jewellery to meet expenses. Another 12% were unable to borrow despite pressing needs. The PDS (Public Distribution System) rations were the most important safety net. Around 55% of households with Below Poverty Line (BPL) cards reported receiving more than their regular quantity of grains every month since the second lockdown. Another 32% got additional grains for at least a few months," the report noted.

Though governments claimed to be transferring money, not everyone benefited. The survey said cash transfers did not reach as many people. Around 78% households did not have a woman-owned Jan Dhan account. Among those who had the account, 75% reported receiving some transfer, and 40% reported receiving the Rs 1,500. Only 3% of households reported receiving anything under the cash transfer schemes announced by the government of Karnataka.

Amit Basole, head of the Centre for Sustainable Employment at Azim Premji University, said the ill-effects of the pandemic on livelihoods have persisted well beyond the lockdowns, particularly for vulnerable sections of society. "There is a need for a focused and long-term policy response at the central and state level to help households emerge from crises," he added.

Gang rape: 4 swimmers arrested

Four men in their teens and early twenties,who are said to be national-level swimmers, have been arrested for gang-raping a 23-year-old woman at a house in New BEL Road on Thursday night. They have been produced before a magistrate and remanded to judicial custody after the woman filed a police complaint on the next day of the crime, subsequent to which the police subjected her to medical examination and all protocols were followed. According to the police, the men had come to Bengaluru swimming training. One of the accused had come in contact with the woman, working in Bengaluru as a nurse, through a dating app. The survivor is a resident of West Bengal, the police said. They exchanged their numbers and the accused had allegedly invited her to his rented house in New BEL Road on Thursday. Later the accused had called up his three friend-who also assaulted the woman, she said in her complaint to the Sanjay Nagar police. "We have registered a case of sexual assault and have arrested them," said DCP (North) Division, Vinayak Patil. – BMB

HEALTH TIP: Consumption of protein helps one stay fuller for longer which reduces unhealthy calorie intake and lose weight

Calcium and iron when consumed together can hinder the absorption of iron in the body

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Highlight of the hour

To get that lit-from-within glow, the finest highlighter palettes include complimentary tones of highlighter, blush and bronzer

Matte skin had its day, but now it's all about achieving a bright, radiant complexion. While you may already have a highlighter in your cosmetic kit to create a dazzling complexion, there is one useful accessory you may be overlooking: a highlighter palette. To get that lit-from-within glow, the finest highlighter palettes include complimentary tones of highlighter, blush, and bronzer. This also eliminates the need to carry around various materials in order to get the desired appearance.

Highlighter palettes are also really convenient to carry around, and they give you the choice between a multitude of highlighter shades in one place. Highlighter palettes are ideal for travel too, a one-stop for all your highlighting needs.

The highlighter in your cosmetic kit is the most important item. Period. This is due to the fact that it is the highlighter that ups your beauty game. The product comes in a variety of shapes, sizes, and forms and is intended to accentuate the high points of your face (the areas where the sun shines directly) – the bridge of your nose, the top of your forehead, and the high points of your cheeks.

It is also not incorrect to argue that it is as significant as a blush. Not only can highlighting provide dimension to your face (more on that below), but it may also make your foundation seem more natural, make your cheekbones pop, or act as a stand-alone look.

However, with so many choices on the market and what appears to be hundreds more appearing every month, you may be perplexed about how to utilise highlighter. Consider this your guide to understanding what it is, which one is best for you, and, most importantly, how to use it properly. Prepare your brushes (or fingers) ... here's all you need to know about highlighting.

What is highlighting

Highlighting is basically the reverse of contouring. When contouring, you use a hue that is darker than your skin tone to give the appearance that particular features (such as your cheekbones, jawline, and temples) are pushed inwards. This produces a chiseled look. Highlighter, on the other hand, employs a colour brighter than your skin tone to capture light and draw attention to features, making them appear more apparent.

Light-reflecting cosmetics will give you the same effect, which is why certain highlighters are also referred to as illuminators. Using a highlighter to give depth to your face might assist. When paired with contouring, the benefits are multiplied, which is especially useful when a thick coverage foundation has washed out your features.

Where should you apply highlighter

Stick to the high parts of your face for the most natural-looking highlight. Your high points are the areas of your face where light naturally hits, such as the tops of your cheekbones, brow bones, Cupid's bow (that small dip over the center of your upper lip), and the bridge of your nose.

Go ahead and put a bit on the very tip of your nose as well! Once you've mastered the fundamentals, you may be creative and take it to the next level. Highlighters may be used everywhere you want to stand out. Do you have a low-cut shirt on? Apply some highlighter to your shoulders and collarbones. Are you wearing a sleeveless dress? Run your fingers down the front of your arms. What about wearing a skirt or a dress? A dash of highlighter down the center of your legs will look amazing.

And, while body highlighter and makeup may seem like a lot for every day, it's the method your favorite celebrities employ to look glowing on the red carpet. So, the next time you have a wedding, a beautiful dinner, or any other major occasion, give it a go-to to elevate your look. — **Fia Majumdar**

All problems solved

Dear Coleen

My husband is having sex with prostitutes- young women who are probably younger than his own daughters. I have confronted him and he says I'm being "stupid" and denies it.
However, in the next breath, he says that even if did have sex with these women it wouldn't be like having an affair and it isn't cheating, it's just sex!
How deluded is he? How can he even believe this? We have always had a good sex life, although he's had his moments of not being able to perform, which is OK - it happens and I've never been anything but supportive. However, the more he sleeps with these girls, the more I turn away from him.
So, please tell me - is it cheating?

COLEEN SAYS

Of course it's cheating! First of all, you seem to have proof that he's sleeping with sex workers, yet he's still denying it. So, I think you have to tell him how you know, so he can't wriggle his way out of it and just accuse you of being "stupid".
He has a very warped sense of sex and relationships if he thinks this doesn't count as cheating. Yes, it's "just sex" for these women because they're getting paid for it – it's a job. He, on the other hand, is married and he's lying to you.
He may not be emotionally attached to these girls, as he might be to someone he's having an affair with, but he's cheating sexually, he could be putting your health at risk and he's definitely damaging your relationship. This situation is also very damaging for your self-esteem.
I think it's just about finding the confidence to confront him and to tell him you don't want to be in a relationship with someone who has that attitude.
You deserve so much better.

—Coleen Nolan, Daily Mirror

MIRRORLIGHTS

Taxpayers note! Here's why March 31 is important for you

Each financial year comes to an end on March 31 which is why the date holds importance for salaries professionals in many ways. The date, along with marking the end of an ongoing financial year, also identifies as the last date for many key financial tasks.
As an assessee, individuals are required to file belated ITR for FY 2020-21, e-verify them among other things before March 31. Here's a look at a few key things that must be completed before **March 31, 2022.**
ITR filing can't be filed for the relevant FY either physically or electronically after March 31, 2022.

2) ITRs e-verification
For ITRs filed for FY 19-20, the e-verification can be done till March 31. Taxpayers can do this on any date on or before the specified date.

3) Advance tax payment
While the due date to pay the last instalment of advance tax was due by March 15, 2022, an assessee can still deposit the advance tax for FY 21-22 anytime on or before March 31, 2022.

4) Aadhaar card-PAN linking
The last date to link PAN and Aadhar is March 31, 2022. In case the documents are not linked, the latter will be deactivated and a fine of up to Rs 10,000 could also be levied imposed on the assessee under Section 272B of the Income Tax Act.

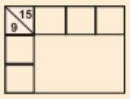
5) Investment in tax-saving schemes
Individuals looking to save tax must complete their tax-saving exercises by March 31, 2022 since it is the deadline to invest in tax saving schemes for FY 21-22.

Individuals who have made no tax-saving investments and expenditures by this month must bear in mind that their tax burden for FY 2021-22 would be more.

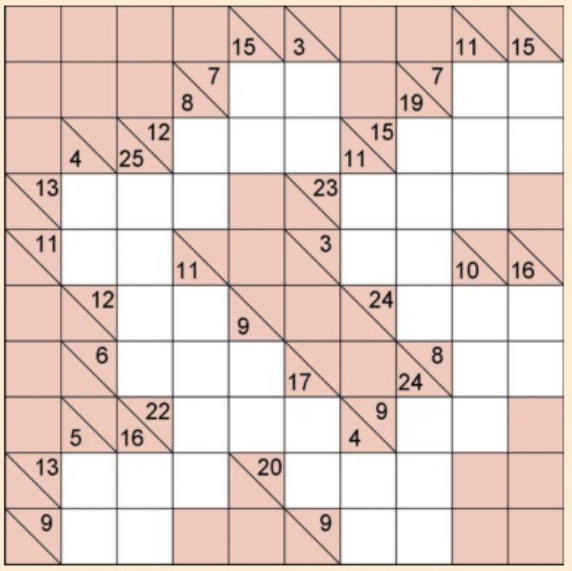
— ETNow

Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.



Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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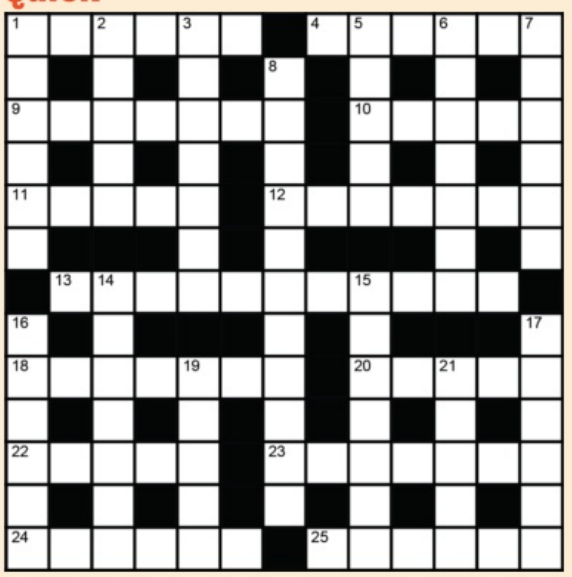


ACROSS

1 Small, hand-held travelling case (6)
4 A rotten person or farm product? (3,3)
9 Thai - may be a breed of a cat (7)
10 Civilian dress (5)
11 Stupid person (5)
12 Related by blood or marriage (7)
13 Optical magnifiers (11)
18 List of employees and their salaries (7)
20 National park home to tigers, panthers and elephants (5)
22 Artificial fibre (5)
23 They might be hakka or chow mein (7)
24 ___ up: Imprisoned (6)
25 Things of value (6)

DOWN

1 Calls on? (6)
2 Rental contract (5)
3 Support for rail line (7)
5 Jordanian capital (5)
6 Compel obedience to (7)
7 Wears to a powder (6)
8 A chain is as strong as it's ____ ___? (7,4)
14 Innocent, rustic (7)
15 Public speakers (7)
16 Relating to the backbone (6)
17 Fails to catch or meet (6)
19 Avoirdupois weight (5)
21 Balm or lotion (5)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: P EQUALS U

DJPM QMPL WTHPL GLFLXGA LXQEMLHD JX OUTQ DJP TML IJZFTMLG OEQU.

Linemaro

I feel comfortable around you

Mindchow

Confession is good for the soul, but bad for the career

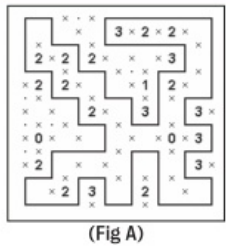
Joke of the day

A clean desk is a sign of a cluttered desk drawer

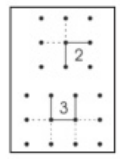
Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



(Fig A)

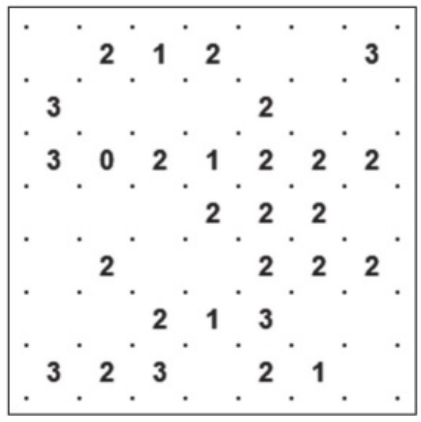


(Fig B) Not Allowed

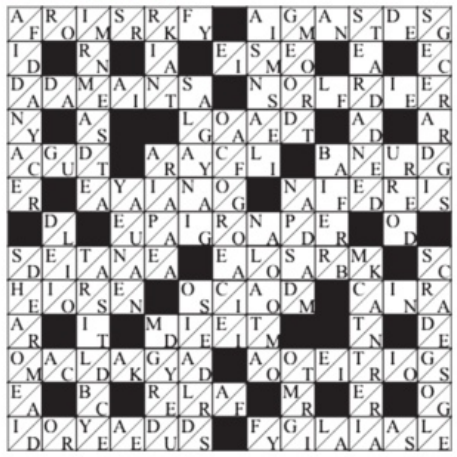
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



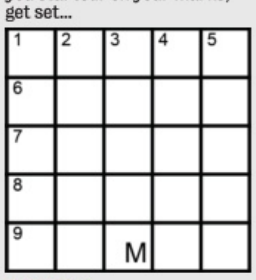
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

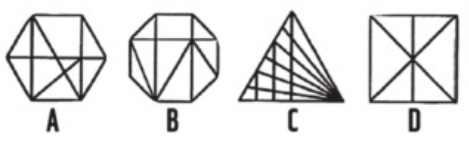
1 Brace; 6 Uli Co; 7 Six ma; 8 Do ere; 9 Smite

DOWN

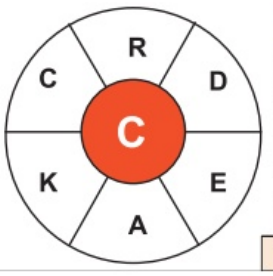
1 Comte; 2 I a car; 3 Ox Bum; 4 Dele I; 5 Sires

Mensapuzzle

Which of these contains the greatest number of triangles?



Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

13 Average; 15 Good; 17 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

	6		7		8		4	
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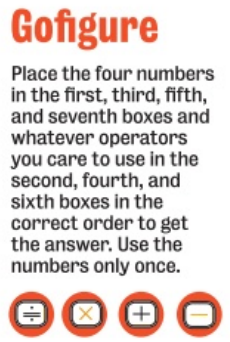
		1				8		
3			5	6	9			8
2								9
5			2	4	7			3
		4				7		
		2	8		3	1		
	5		4		6		8	

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.



Easy = 9
3 6 7 7

Medium = 6
1 6 7 8

Hard = 2
1 6 8 5

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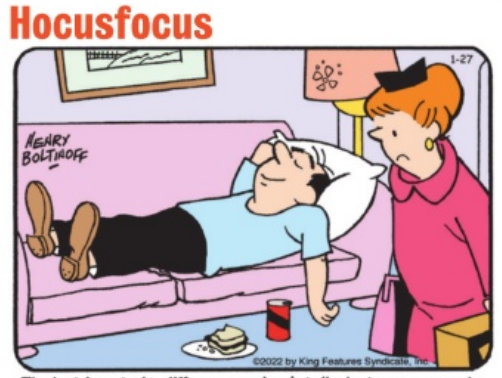
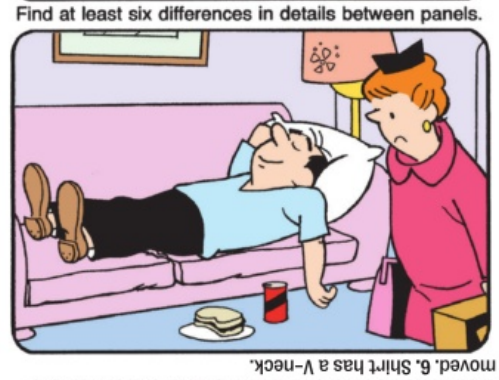


Find at least six differences in details between panels.



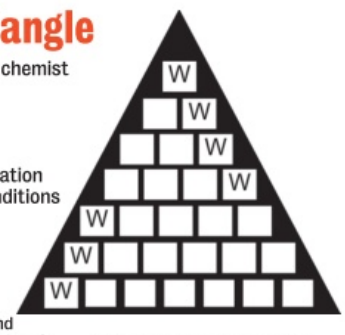
Differences: 1. Foot is moved. 2. Can is reversed. 3. Sandwich is different. 4. Hair is different. 5. Frame is moved. 6. Shirt has a V-neck.

Riddler

I am the box that holds keys without locks, yet they can unlock your soul. What am I?

Alpha triangle

1 Tungsten for the chemist
2 An interjection
3 Fancy marble
4 Defrost
5 Cereal grain
6 December decoration
7 Atmospheric conditions



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

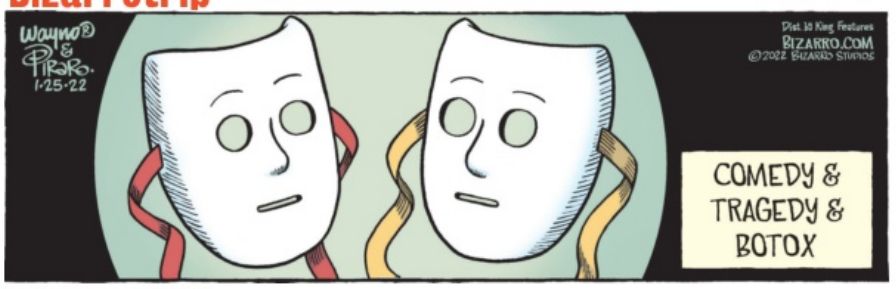
DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

COMICS

Redeye by Mel Casson

TANGLEFOOT, SNEAK THROUGH THE ENEMY LINES AND RETURN WITH FOOD AND WATER
THAT'S THE LAST YOU'LL EVER SEE OF THAT COWARD!
NO IT ISN'T...I'VE GOT HIS TEDDY BEAR
1-14

Bizarrotrip



Diamond Lil

DID YOU HEAR? ALOYSIUS DONGWALL GOT STUCK IN A PORT-A-POTTY
OH, GEEZ. WHAT WAS HE DOING IN THERE?!
I'LL GIVE YOU TWO GUESSES
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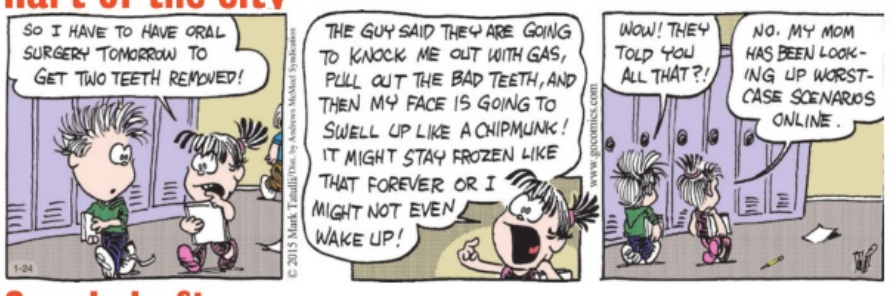
Hart of the city


SO I HAVE TO HAVE ORAL SURGERY TOMORROW TO GET TWO TEETH REMOVED!
THE GUY SAID THEY ARE GOING TO KNOCK ME OUT WITH GAS, PULL OUT THE BAD TEETH, AND THEN MY FACE IS GOING TO SWELL UP LIKE A CHIPMUNK! IT MIGHT STAY FROZEN LIKE THAT FOREVER OR I MIGHT NOT EVEN WAKE UP!
WOW! THEY TOLD YOU ALL THAT?!
NO. MY MOM HAS BEEN LOOKING UP WORST-CASE SCENARIOS ONLINE.
1-24
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Crankshaft

THE LITTLE SPINNING COLOR WHEEL THAT SAYS THE COMPUTER IS PROCESSING REMINDS ME OF LISTENING TO THE EARLY BEATLES ALBUMS AND WATCHING THAT LABEL WITH THE RAINBOW COLORS ON THE EDGE GOING AROUND AND AROUND.
WOW.
1-21
BATIUK & DAVIS

Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today, you may become happy and enthusiastic. You may start a new partnership, which may help you to grow your business. Your seniors may appreciate your dedication at work; you are likely to get a promotion in your current job. You may get incentives in terms of rewards. Job seekers can expect to get a new job. Singles may find their soulmate with the help of relatives.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today, you may be busy at work. Your focus towards your goal may be tested many times. Your patience may help you achieve your goals on time. Your dedication at work may be tested many times. You may get some rewards as a result of hard work. You may make investments in fixed assets also.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today, your destiny may help you to get success in an easy way. You may visit some religious places to seek mental peace. You may spend your time earning intellectual or occult knowledge. Students may do better. Singles will find a good match. Love birds may make some important decisions in terms of marriage.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today, you may feel dull and are advised to be careful of your opponent and rivals. You are advised to avoid making arguments with seniors. Investments in fixed assets are advised to postpone for a while; it might convert into dead investment. Love birds are advised to avoid discussions on worthless topics to maintain harmony in their relationships.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today, you may enjoy it with your family. You may spend some romantic moments with the spouse, which may boost understanding with them. You may spend money buying some artefacts or household stuff to renovate your house. You may enjoy parties and events. You are advised to read documents carefully before making any investments in fixed assets.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today, you may feel happy and energetic. You may explore and analyse yourself, which may give you confidence and you may be able to face any type of challenges, which may make you fearless and courageous. You are advised to keep patience in taking some financial decisions in business. Love birds may enjoy their happy moments.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today is a good day for you; your enthusiasm may be on peak. You need to regulate enthusiasm. Self analysis may help you to get confidence, which may increase your prestige in the society. You will resolve many problems with the help of communication skills. Investors are advised to avoid speculation before making investments. You may also plan for higher studies for a good career.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today, you may be unable to enjoy your work life as well as family life. You are advised to avoid arrogance and ego with your spouse, otherwise it may affect your emotional bonding. Problems in partnerships may resolve. Singles are advised to avoid rushing before making decisions related to marriage. With the help of patience, you may come out of the messy situation.

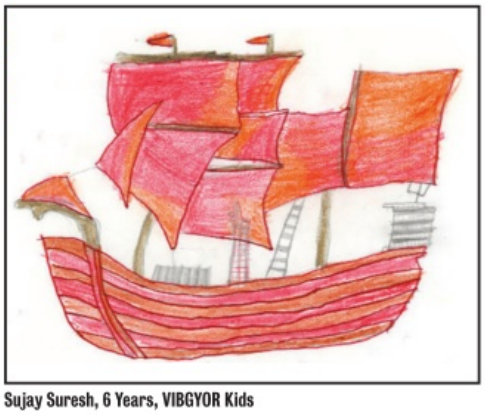
Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today, you are blessed by the moon and mars. You may be enthusiastic. You may start some new innovations in the business, which may grow your business in the near future. You may plan some renovations in the house and office with the help of your creative skills. Your network may become strong now.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today, you may be busy with family matters. You will hear some good news from your family members. You may also be busy with kids; you may plan for kids' academics. Kids' health is likely to be under control. You are advised to be polite with people around you, otherwise you may face some harsh arguments.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today, you may be happier; you may have internal vitality, which may boost your self confidence. You are advised to avoid delay in making decisions in terms of finance, profession and academics. Sometimes, you may face self-respect issues with the spouse; you are advised to keep patience, which may help to maintain domestic harmony. Love birds may go on short trips.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today is not a good day for you. You may feel dull and dissatisfied at every moment. You may be a victim of conspiracy; you are advised to be careful in terms of hidden enemies and opponents. You are advised to avoid speaking harshly, otherwise you may face some litigation. You should avoid making investments in risky assets.

KIDZONE



Sujay Suresh, 6 Years, VIBGYOR Kids

Sudeeksha S, 8 Years, St. Francis Xavier Girls High School

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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
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RIDDLER
A piano

STRIKE OUT

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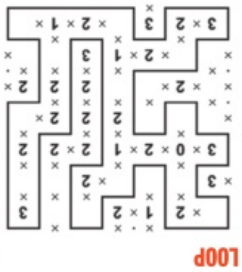

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Step in, Rashmika

After Parineeti Chopra backs out of Ranbir starrer, Rashmika Mandanna likely to make B-Town debut

Recently, actor Parineeti Chopra backed out from Ranbir Kapoor starrer 'Animal' which will be helmed by Sandeep Reddy Vanga. The latest report suggests that the makers have signed Rashmika Mandanna to play the female lead.

Rashmika, who is yet to make her Bollywood debut, has impressed the audience with her outing in 'Pushpa'. She has shot for two Bollywood films but they are yet to release.

According to Pinkvilla, Bhushan Kumar and Sandeep think that Rashmika fits the bill to the T. The makers wanted a fresh pairing and hence they opted to go for Rashmika. In the film, she will be seen essaying Ranbir's wife character. The report also suggests that the shoot will kick-start from this summer after Ranbir wraps up Luv Ranjan's next.

Meanwhile, Rashmika will make her Bollywood debut alongside Sidharth Malhotra in 'Mission Majnu'. She also has 'Goodbye' with Amitabh Bachchan and Neena Gupta. Rashmika also has 'Pushpa 2' with Allu Arjun.

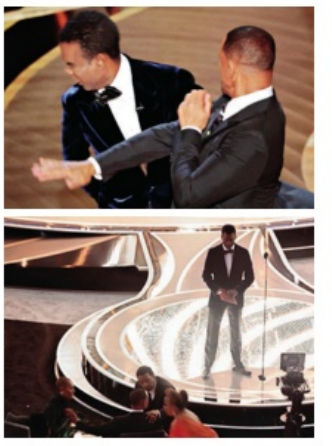
Earlier, a source revealed that Parineeti opted out of the film because she wanted to work with Imtiaz Ali next. A source said, "Parineeti is going to work with Imtiaz Ali for the first time in her career as the heroine in the ace director's next, Chamkila. It is a huge moment for her because she has always wanted to creatively collaborate with the visionary director. She has to get into prep immediately for the shoot..."

—ETimes

'Will, Chris have patched up'

Will Smith shocked everyone with his reaction to Chris Rock's joke about Jada Pinkett-Smith at the Oscars 2022. Despite the actor taking home the prestigious trophy for his performance in 'King Richard', all that everyone was talking about was the slap. Chris Rock reportedly declined to take any police action against Will Smith, and latest buzz suggests that the two have reconciled. "That's not a problem. That's over. I can confirm that," Diddy reportedly told a news portal at the Vanity Fair post-Oscars shindig. "It's all love, They're brothers," he further added.

Will Smith later apologised to Chris Rock on Instagram. "Jokes at my expense are a part of the job, but a joke about Jada's medical condition was too much for me to bear and I reacted emotionally. I would like to publicly apologise to you, Chris. I was out of line and I was wrong. I am embarrassed and my actions were not indicative of the man I want to be..." he wrote.



Denzel Washington and Jada Pinkett Smith (L) speak with Will Smith after he hit Chris Rock (top R)

On a holiday

Check out some celeb vacay pictures, that will surely tempt you to pack your bags and take off

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Hero for the whole country

Vijay Deverakonda's desire to connect with audiences has no limits

Vijay Deverakonda on Tuesday said he is going "all out" with "JGM", a pan India action movie that reunites the actor with his "Liger" director Puri Jagannadh.

The actor, who shot to nationwide fame courtesy Telugu films "Arjun Reddy" and "Dear Comrade", said his desire to entertain audiences across the country has only grown over the years.

"If you can tell a story to a whole country then why not? But at the same time, the audience back home is also very important. Any film that I do, we want everyone to enjoy it and be entertained by it.

"It is not easy to always find a story that works for an entire country because they are rooted (in the milieu) and it makes no sense to scale it. I am lucky that I am getting such (pan India) scripts. I have always enjoyed performing for the biggest audience," Deverakonda told reporters.

He was speaking at the press conference of the announcement of "JGM" here. "National cinema" excites him the most, the 32-year-old actor said. "I knew I wanted to do cinema, when I did theatre it was one auditorium and I knew it (a stage play) could fill thousands of auditoriums. I wanted the biggest stage and that excites me. So national cinema, Indian cinema... satisfies the desire in me. I will go for it and I am going all out."

The actor also thanked filmmaker SS Rajamouli for opening the doors to pan Indian cinema with his superhit "Baahubali" film franchise.

"Pan Indian films were made before but it was 'Baahubali' which showed us what is possible," he said, adding that these movies will soon be termed "Indian films". "We have a huge population and it is one of India's biggest strengths. I always wondered why Hollywood films are made on such a big budget or why are stars there bigger stars? And it is only because more people speak English and watch English films. "Are they more talented than us? I don't believe so. We are equally or more talented than them. They are just bigger stars because more people watch their films and know their language," Deverakonda emphasised. It is only through unity that the Indian film industry can grow more powerful he said.

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